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FOR: A NOVEL COOKED SAUSAGE :  
AND A METHOD FOR  
MAKING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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S I R :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

Reference 2 203 582 is not in the English language, but an English translation thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. No fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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